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OFFICIAL INFORMAL FOR AMB/DCM FROM AND SHAPIRO

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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE ARA/AND ASDAR FOR
DECEMBER 12, 1988. BEGIN TEXT:

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(C) FRENCH WORKERS KILLED BY SL. TWO FRENCH DEVELOPMENT
WORKERS WERE BEATEN TO DEATH WITH HAMMERS DEC. 5 FOLLOWING
A SL "PEOPLE'S TRIAL" IN APURIMAC. THE DEATH TOLL FROM
POLITICAL VIOLENCE NOW STANDS AT OVER 400 FOR THE MONTH.
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IT IS TOO EARLY TO CONCLUDE THAT FOREIGNERS ARE
SPECIFICALLY TARGETTED BY SL, BUT FOREIGN NATIONALITY
CLEARLY PROVIDES NO PROTECTION. (HOLSTEIN)

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(C) POWER OUTAGES CONTINUE. SL BOMBINGS OF THE ELECTRICAL GRID WEEK HAVE CAUSED 19 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF BROWNOUTS IN LIMA. POWER RATIONING HAS AFFECTED POTABLE WATER SUPPLIES. HOSPITALS WITH ANTIQUATED GENERATORS HAVE LOST POWER, AND POLICE REPORT INCREASED CRIME IN DARKENED AREAS. PUBLIC DESPERATION HAS LED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO AN INCREASED DEMAND FOR DOLLARS: A HISTORIC HIGH OF 1080 BUY/1100 SELL WAS REPORTED BY MONEYCHANGERS ON DEC. 8. (HOLSTEIN)

COLOMBIA

(C) US CUSTOMS OFFICERS NAMED IN DRUG INVESTIGATION. TWO US CUSTOMS EMPLOYEES WERE ACCUSED AT A BOGOTA PRESS CONFERENCE LAST SATURDAY OF BEING INVOLVED IN A DRUG RING UNDER INVESTIGATION BY COLOMBIAN DETECTIVES. ACCORDING TO THE COLOMBIAN DETECTIVES, THE NAMES OF THE AGENTS WERE CONTAINED IN A LETTER CARRIED BY A MEMBER OF THE CALI DRUG ORGANIZATION. THE DETECTIVES ALSO IMPLICATED SENIOR AVIANCA OFFICIALS, BUT DECLINED TO GIVE NAMES. COMMENT: US CUSTOMS TOLD US THEY HAVE NO REASON TO SUSPECT THE TWO USC EMPLOYEES, ONE A FORMER DISTRICT DIRECTOR NOW IN WASHINGTON AND THE OTHER A MEMBER OF THE MIAMI TASK FORCE. CUSTOMS IS ATTEMPTING TO GET MORE INFORMATION FROM COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES. (FRENCH)

(C) ARMY AND POLICE COMMANDERS CHARGED IN SEGOVIA MASSACRE. A CIVILIAN OFFICIAL HAS FORMALLY CHARGED THE LOCAL ARMY AND POLICE COMMANDERS IN SEGOVIA, ANTIOQUIA, CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH FAILING IN THEIR DUTIES TO PROTECT THE TOWN DURING A NOV. 11 RAMPAGE WHICH LEFT OVER 40 PEOPLE DEAD. THE OFFICERS FACE MILITARY DISCIPLINE AND MAY ALSO BE TRIED IN A CIVILIAN COURT. (FRENCH)

(C) FARC ATTACKS ARE FEWER, POLITICAL ACTIVITY GREATER. FARC LOSSES IN SEPT. AND OCT. COUPLED WITH A RECENT SUCCESSFUL MILITARY ATTACK AGAINST A FARC CAMP COULD EXPLAIN THE OVERALL REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF FARC ATTACKS. IT COULD ALSO EXPLAIN THE FARC'S SUDDEN RENEWAL OF INTEREST IN POLITICAL INITIATIVES SUCH AS THE PEACE PLAN PROPOSED BY CONSERVATIVE SENATOR LEYVA DURAN. (FRENCH)

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(LOU) OBEY TO RELEASE HOLD ON ESF. DCM GREENLEE, CRAIG BUCK, AND CHARLES SHAPIRO MET WITH OBEY STAFFER TERRY PEEL THIS MORNING. PEEL AGREED TO RELEASE HIS HOLD ON THE CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION FOR BOLIVIA'S ESF PROVIDED: 1) THE DEPARTMENT SENDS A LETTER STATING THAT ESF WILL NOT BE OBLIGATED UNTIL THE BOLIVIANS ARE IMPLEMENTING THEIR OWN ANTI-NARCOTICS LAW, AND 2) AGREEING TO RENOTIFY OBEY BEFORE OBLIGATING THE SECOND 50 PERCENT OF BOLIVIA'S ESF ON MARCH 31. (SHAPIRO)

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(C) SUBSIDIES SUBSIDE. THE GOE HAS ELIMINATED THE WHEAT SUBSIDY, WILL ABOLISH THE SUBSIDY ON IMPORTED WHEAT, AND MAY INCREASE THE PRICE OF GASOLINE. THE RESULT: HIGHER BREAD PRICES, 100 PERCENT INCREASE IN MEDICINE PRICES, AND THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC TRANSIT SUBSIDY WHICH WOULD CUSHION THE EFFECT ON THE POOR. (DRUCKER) END TEXT. SHULTZ

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